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Welfare package for the families of Kargil Martyr

2491. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 217 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 1st December, 1999 and state:

(a) the details of welfare package provided to the next of kin of the Armed Forces personnel killed in Kargil war by the State Governments and the Central Government, separately;

(b) what is the date from which family pension, gratuity etc. were sanctioned and paid;

(c) the names of the family members who have been given employment in each case; and

(d) what other benefits have been granted?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) to (d) I. Benefits given by the Government to the next of kin of Kargil casualties:

(a) Ex-gratia amount Rs. 10.00 lakhs

(b) Liberalised Family Pension equal to the last pay drawn is sanctioned and paid to the next of kin of the deceased defence personnel from the date of the casualty

(c) Death-cum-retirement Gratuity is sanctioned and paid to the next of kin of the deceased defence personnel from the date of the casualty

(d) Army Group Insurance Scheme

(i) Officers — Rs. 8 lakhs

(ii) JCOs/ORs — Rs. 3.75 lakhs

II. Benefits given to the next of kin from the National Defence Fund

(i) Housing: Rs. 5 lakhs to each family of the Armed Forces personnel killed and the personnel invalidated out of service, for acquiring a dwelling unit or for making additions/alterations/renovations of the existing unit.

(ii) **Education:** A lump sum grant of Rs. 1 lakh per child or Rs. 2 lakhs per family for children education.

(iii) **Parents:** Dependent parents of the deceased soldiers are to be paid monthly interest accruing from a fixed deposit of Rs. 1.20 lakhs per family. It has been decided to enhance this amount to Rs. 2.00 lakhs.

III. Assistance from Army Central Welfare Fund

Each next of kin of the Armed Forces personnel killed in Kargil operation has been given Rs. 30,000 from this fund.

Families of all Kargil martyrs have been given financial and other benefits they are entitled to on completion of necessary formalities.

IV. Allotment of Oil Product Agencies

A special scheme for direct allotment of 500 oil product agencies to the next of kin of those killed in Kargil operation was announced. Under this scheme applications from 425 windows/next of kin have been received. Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas has approved allotment of oil product agencies in 281 cases. The remaining cases are in progress.

V. Benefits given by the State Governments

Details of the Benefits given and employment assistance provided by the State Governments to the dependents of Kargil casualties are given in the enclosed Statement I and II.

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Statement—I

Details of benefits announced by various State Governments to dependants of Kargil Casualties / Disabled

Name of the State	Ex-Gratia (Rs. in lakhs)	Housing Facility	Employment	Children Education
Andhra Pradesh	Rs. 5 lakhs to the NOK of deceased and Rs. 1 lakh to the disabled soldier	Allotment of houses site in rural areas at native villages or one residential flat in urban areas	Job to one eligible family member of the deceased or disabled soldier	Exemption of school fees of the children of the deceased/ disabled soldier along with boarding and lodging.
Arunachal Pradesh	No schemes existing at present. Suitable schemes being evolved.			
Assam	Rs. 5 lakhs			
Bihar	Rs. 10 lakhs			
Goa	Not framed any benefit packages.			
Gujarat	Rs. 5 lakhs	Up to 16 acres of land for agricultural activities 2 ounthas of land for construction of house		

Name of the State	Ex-Gratia (Rs. in lakhs)	Housing Facility	Employment	Children Education
Haryana	Rs. 10 lakhs Disability 50% or more Rs. 2.5 lakhs Disability 20% to 50% Rs. 1.25 lakhs POW Rs. 10,000/- Missing Personnel Rs. 10,000/-	Rs. 20,000/- for construction/repair of house	Job to two of the family members/dependants on priority	Education stipend from Rs. 25/- to Rs. 700/-
Himachal Pradesh	Rs. 5 lakhs	10% reservation of houses/plots in Indira Awas Yojana	Employment to one eligible member	Free education up to graduation level for two children.
Jammu and Kashmir	Rs. 5 lakhs		Employment to one member of the family	
Karnataka	Rs. 2 lakhs to battle casualty and those with over 50% disability. Rs. 50,000 for those who are wounded and missing	Free built house Land grant—Cash grant Rs. 25,000/-		Educational concession to the children.
Kerala	Rs. 5 lakhs Rs. 1 lakh to seriously injured	Allotment of land and financial assistance for construction of dwelling unit.	Job to one eligible member of the family.	
Madhya Pradesh	Rs. 10 lakhs			
Maharashtra	Rs. 5 lakhs Disability up to Rs. 50% Rs. 25,000/- Above 50% Rs. 50,000/-			

Name of the State	Ex-Gratia (Rs. in lakhs)	Housing Facility	Employment	Children Education
Manipur	Rs. 2 lakhs			
Meghalaya	Rs. 2 lakhs			
Nagaland	Rs. 3 lakhs to JCOs/ORs Rs. 5 lakhs to officers Rs. 1.50 —3lakhs for disabled		Job to NOK	Free education up to 12th Class.
Orissa	Rs. 2 lakhs	40' × 60' Home Stead Land		
Punjab	Rs. 2 lakhs in case of death or up to 50% disability. Rs. 50,000/- in case of disability below 50%	A plot at reserve price/ Rs. 5 lakhs	Job to one of the eligible member.	Free education.
Rajasthan	5 lakhs to the widow. Rs. 1 lakh+25 Bhigas of land OR Rs. 1 lakh + MIG Housing Board House to the disabled. Rs. 1 lakh to the parents of the deceased		Job to the widow/ dependent and permanently disabled soldiers	Free education in Govt. school, college, technical education, medical and engineering. Scholarship for school going—Rs. 1800 p.a., College etc.—Rs. 3,600/- p.a.
Sikkim	Rs. 2 lakhs	Allotment of a housing site	Job to one dependent.	
Tamil Nadu	Rs. 5 lakhs	HIG flat/ house free of cost	Govt. job to one of family members	Free education up to graduation level and reservation in professional colleges

Name of the State	Ex-Gratia (Rs. in lakhs)	Housing Facility	Employment	Children Education
Tripura	Rs. 2 lakhs Disabled/ wounded soldier—1 lakh	Housing facility to the families of the deceased and disabled soldiers		Free education up to college level to the children of the deceased/ disabled soldiers
Uttar Pradesh	Rs. 10 lakhs Pension to parents Rs. 25000/- p.m.		Job to one dependant or Rs. 5000/- p.m. pension to the widow	
West Bengal	Rs. 2 lakhs			
Andaman and Nicobar	Not framed any scheme.			
Chandigarh	Rs. 2 lakhs	Plot/ Flat—reserve price less Rs. 5 lakhs or Rs. 5 lakhs in cash.	Job to one dependent member as per educational qualification.	
Madra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu				
Delhi	Rs. 7 lakhs to personnel killed in action. Rs. 4 lakhs to personnel disabled and boarded out. Rs. 2 lakhs to personnel disabled but allowed to continue in service.			Free education up to graduation level to the children of the personnel killed/ permanently disabled.
Lakshadweep				
Pondicherry				

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Statement II

Employment assistance provided by State Governments to dependents of Kargil Martyrs

Sl. No.	Name of the State	No. of dependents of martyrs provided employment
1.	Andhra Pradesh	2
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	0
3.	Assam	0
4.	Bihar	9
5.	Goa	0
6.	Gujarat	1
7.	Haryana	61
8.	Himachal Pradesh	27
9.	Jammu and Kashmir	53
10.	Karnataka	0
11.	Kerala	1
12.	Madhya Pradesh	1
13.	Maharashtra	5
14.	Manipur	0
15.	Meghalaya	0
16.	Mizoram	0
17.	Nagaland	2
18.	Orissa	5
19.	Punjab	41
20.	Rajasthan	0
21.	Sikkim	0
22.	Tamil Nadu	5
23.	Tripura	0
24.	Uttar Pradesh	0
25.	West Bengal	0
26.	Andaman and Nicobar	0
27.	Chandigarh	0
28.	Dadar and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu	0
29.	Delhi	0

1	2	3
30.	Lakshadweep	0
31.	Pondicherry	0
TOTAL:		213

Purchase of AK-47 Rifles

2492. SHRI KHAGEN DAS: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have paid US \$10.5 million to a Bulgarian firm for purchase of AK-47 rifles and its ammunition;

(b) whether it is a fact that the contract was not honoured despite the payment;

(c) whether it is also a fact additional amount of Rs. 15.94 crores was placed with a Romanian firm for AK-47 rifles, but even these rifles could not be used because ammunition was not purchased; and

(d) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) to (d) To meet the operational requirement of the Army in Low Intensity Conflict/Counter Insurgency (LICCI) duties, particularly in the Northern Sector, a Contract was concluded with a Bulgarian vendor in May, 1994 for procurement of 1 lakh AK-47 rifles and 50 million rounds of its ammunition. The samples of rifles and ammunition sent by the vendor for trials in India were found acceptable by the Army. However, the Bulgarian vendor did not supply the rifles/ammunition thereafter and no payment was released to the vendor. The firm was debarred for a period of 5 years in respect of issue of tender enquiries. The rifles and ammunition had to be procured from a Romanian vendor subsequently, at a higher cost.

Since supplies were not received from the Bulgarian vendor, procure-
ment action from other sources was initiated. Two contracts were concluded in June 1995, one with M/s Romtechnica, Romania